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TO AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - IRISH CHARTER POLICY

REF: DUBLIN 478

1. NALLE'S REFERENCE TO DUBLIN LANDING RIGHTS QUESTION HAS SOME RELEVANCE TO CHARTER ISSUE. ON MAY 23, 1973, AMBASSADOR SENT NOTE TO FONMIN (DUBLIN 724, JUNE 5, 1973) WHICH CONTAINS, INTER ALIA, FOLLOWING PARA: "I WISH, HOWEVER, TO SAY A FEW WORDS ON THE CHARTER ISSUE TO RELIEVE POSSIBLE CONCERNS ON YOUR PART. AS THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND IS AWARE, THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THE IRISH FIRST REFUSAL PRACTICE DENIES A FAIR AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO UNITED STATES AIRLINES. IT WAS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS PRACTICE THAT THE UNITED STATE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES ADOPTED THE PRACTICE OF NOT APPROVING OFF-ROUTE CHARTERS BY THE IRISH AIRLINE. THE UNITED STATES FINDS THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS TO BE AN UNSATISFACTORY ONE, AND MUST RESERVE ITS RIGHT TO ACHIEVE AN EQUITABLE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO CHARTERS, CONSISTENT WITH ITS INTERNATIONAL POLICY IN THIS

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RESPECT AND WITH COURSES OF ACTION IT HAS PURSUED OR MAY

IN THE FUTURE PURSUE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, IT HAS
NO PRESENT INTENTION OF ALTERING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED

STATES OF AFFAIRS. FURTHERMORE, IF A SUBSEQUENT DECISION
WERE TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES TO DO SO, IT WOULD
UNDERTAKE TO ENTER INTO PRIOR DISCUSSIONS WITH IRELAND WITH
THE OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING MUTUAL AGREEMENT REGARDING
CHARTER FLIGHTS."

2. IN VIEW FOREGOING, EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE NO FURTHER
ACTION PENDING FURTHER REVIEW OF MATTER BY DEPARTMENT AND
CAB. INGERSOLL

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